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REMARKS

The undersigned filed a Response and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.111 on July 28, 2004 (the "July Amendment") to the Office Action having a mailing date of May 19, 2004.

In a teleconference between the Examiner and the undersigned on October 6, 2004, the Examiner indicated that the amendments to the claims made in the "July Amendment" had been entered. The Examiner further indicated that she was ready to allow amended claims 1, 6, 8, 11, 13, and 15, but requested that claims 17-22 be canceled. The Examiner offered to cancel claims 17-22 by Examiner's Amendment. The undersigned agreed to the cancellation of claims 17-22 by Examiner's Amendment, reserving the right to file a continuation application with claims 17-22 therein.

Then, in a teleconference between the Examiner and the undersigned on October 8, 2004, the Examiner requested that claim 11 (which is drawn to a method of forming an electronic connector) be amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 1 (which is drawn to an electronic connector product). The Examiner further asked that claims 17-22 be canceled.

The undersigned now has amended claim 11 herein to incorporate the limitations of claim 1. Also, claims 17-22 have been canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Applicants reserve their right to file a continuation application to these claims.

Conclusion

In summary, Applicants submit that claims 1, 6, 8, 11, 13, and 15 (as amended) are patentable and each of the Examiner's rejections and objections has been overcome. Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and allowance of these claims.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee required in connection with the filing of this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 02-0900.

Should there be any outstanding matter that needs to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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